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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of MANSMANN)
Serial No. 09/544,341) Examiner: D.J. Isabella
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AFTER-FINAL RESPONSE

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In response to a Final Office Action mailed on February 8, 2007, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the amendments below, into the record of this application.

The rejections in the Final Office Action were based on US 6,319,712 (Meenen et al 2001), which had not been cited previously, and which was not known to the Applicant until cited by the Examiner in the Final Office Action. Accordingly, the amendments herein are addressed toward overcoming the newly-cited prior art.

The amendments requested herein appear on pages 2-7.
Supporting remarks and analysis begin on page 8.